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"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY GREENSBORO, N. C.

Friday, September 2, 1977

Graves Claims Office Serious Health Hazard

"I find it very difficult to believe that the administration of A&T State University would request us to occupy, function, render service and implement a program for its students, especially foreign students, in a facility which is dirty and filthy, a safety hazard, a health hazard, inadequate in equipment, in electrical facilities, without telephones, totally lacking in air ventilation and circulation."

That was an opening statement by Mrs. Anne C. Graves regarding the move from East Gymnasium to the Barnes Building formerly occupied by North Carolina Mutual. The building is located on old Market Street across from Cherry Hall. "The office provided for me, as director for international students, is a cubby hole," Mrs. Graves continued. "It is dirty, nasty, molded, mildewed as well as cramped in space. If I spent one hour in the space allocated, it would totally endanger my health."

"If the university is not embarrassed for providing for foreign students who have travelled 4-5,000 miles and left their families and friends to be received in a facility such as this, then I am embarrassed for the university," Mrs. Graves said.

"Foreign students are ambassadors of goodwill from their cultures to our culture and most certainly this facility would not provide them with a good public relations image of A&T State University.

"It is my opinion that students could very well perceive that the administration of A&T is saying to them, 'This is what

we think of you'."

"I am further embarrassed to have Greensboro community friends to international students who provide a year-round program to these students to visit such a place.

"My office is often visited by government officials and diplomats from the various governments of International Students. It would be a disgrace to have them visit such a facility as this.

A&T has the third largest enrollment of foreign students within the sixteen institutions of the state university system. Only the university of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State in Raleigh have more foreign students than we

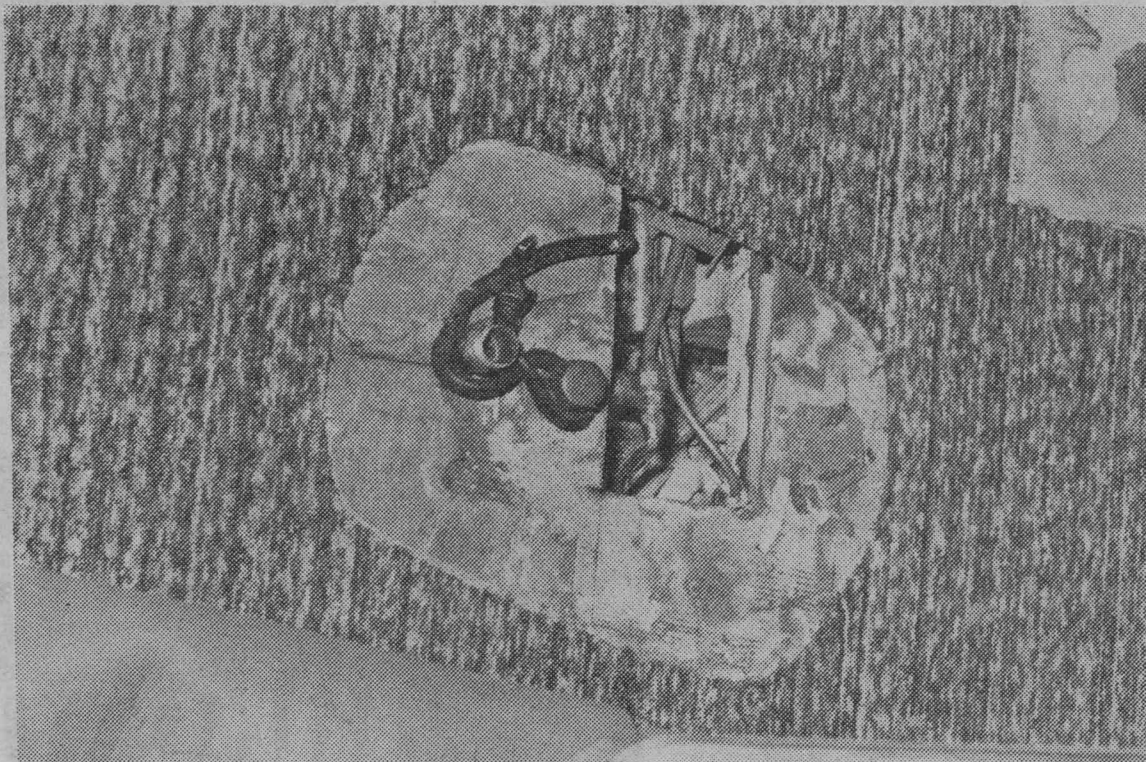
have. Therefore, I don't think it is asking the administration too much to provide us with clean, adequate facilities, health and safety standards."

Concluding Mrs. Graves said, "I am a tenured employee of this

institution with 27 years of dedicated, loyal, devoted services and my responsibility with foreign students requires that I work long hours, day and night seven days a week. This I have done through the years because I

felt it was appreciated by the students and by the administration of this university.

But the experience of the last ten days has caused me to give serious doubts as to the appreciation of the administration."



Barnes Building, which houses the director of foreign students, has many health hazards. Here pipes can be seen coming out of the floor.

Photo by Love

For September 9 Election

Freshman Campaigns Begin

By Sheila Williams

"Campaigns for freshman elections started Thursday, September 1," stated Toby Bryant, vice president of the Student Government Association.

There are four available offices to be filled by candidates from the freshman class. Campaigns will last through September 8 and speeches will be held later on that Thursday night in Harrison Auditorium. Elections will be held in the Student Union Friday, September 9.

Students who registered for

Miss Freshman are Mona Reynolds, Karen Sturdivant, Audrey Jones, Bernice Staton, Twana Goodall and Judy Jordon.

The presidential candidates are George Waddell, Johnny Wallace, Dean Parham and Dennis Ward.

The vice president's campaigners are Francis Lee, Richard Williams and Faye Foster.

Running for secretary are Michelle Huntley and Terry Warren.

The treasurer's office is sought by Shirlean Smith and James Cook.

If there are any questions about the upcoming freshman elections, contact Toby Bryant in the SGA office in the Student Union.

Dr. Hicks Has Job As Biology Chairman

By Richard B. Steele

Dr. Arthur J. Hicks assumed his duties as chairman of the Biology Department in July.

Dr. Hicks completed his undergraduate work at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi, and received his B.S. in biology in 1960. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1971, and post-doctoral research/training in urbanium practices and procedures from the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis in 1975. Upon graduation from Illinois, Dr. Hicks taught botany and conducted research in plant systematics at the University of Georgia.

When asked the reason for coming to A&T, Dr. Hicks replied, "I came to A&T because

of the opportunity to participate in the continued growth and

development of a strong balanced program in the life sciences. I would like to see the fulfillment of a broader curriculum and student population in biology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels."



Dr. Arthur Hicks



Materials were piled up after move from East Gym.

Two Professors To Head Farm Accident Research

By Anthony Boyd

Dr. Anwar Khan and Dr. Richard Robbins will head a research project to study the rising number of farm accidents in North Carolina. The research project will deal with the impact of these accidents on the economic well-being of the state's farmers.

The project under the Department of Economics is funded by a \$161,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Research, which has been going on for most of the summer, has revealed that most accidents occur from careless use of farm machinery. A large percentage of accidents also occur from strained backs, slips in barns, and falls from ladders.

The results of such accidents are overwhelming. Noted one researcher, Johnson Adedeji, "A recent study estimated losses

from farm accidents in North Carolina to be about \$10 billion. The losses stem from manpower shortage, loss of crops, and medical expenses. It is estimated that farmers lose ten work days and \$300-\$400 in medical expenses. The incidence of poverty occurring from agricultural accidents will also be determined.

With an average of 3% of farmers having accidents, Dr. Khan says stronger and more protective farm equipment is needed.

Information is now being collected from the counties of Madison, Wilkes, Rowan, Bertie Pasquotank, and Rockingham. The results of the research will be given to various state agricultural agencies. Dr. Khan says that they will work with these agencies to design safety education courses.



With the temperature in the low 90's Thursday, Cassandra Williams decided to enjoy the warm sunshine. Photo by Love

"Friendship's the wine of life." Edward Young

"No pains, no gains." English proverb

"A liar must have a good memory." Quintilian

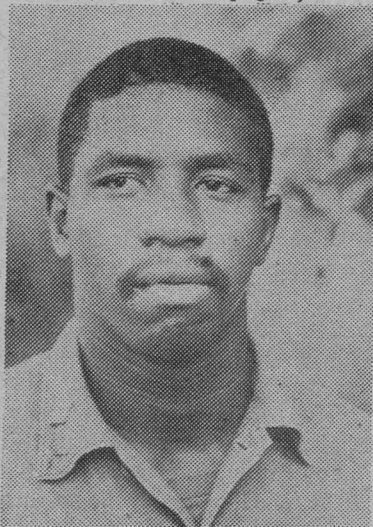
Clark McGriff Enjoys Job As SGA Proxy

By Sheila Williams

Clark McGriff, assistant to SGA president Tony Graham, finds his job really enjoyable. "I have not been directly involved with the SGA before because of various activities; and now I don't have many pressures.

McGriff, a political science major who graduated from A&T, with honors was chosen because of the positions held here as an undergraduate. He was vice-president and president of the University Choir, chairman of Social Affairs of the Student Union Advisory Board, Parliamentarian of the Political Science Society, Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Presidents, Member of University

(See McGriff page 6)



Clark McGriff

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Ray Charles will appear in Moore Gym September 9. Tickets are \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for general admission.

The Leach Line

By Albert Leach

Ray Charles, one of the greatest musical geniuses, will be appearing in Moore Gym September 9.

The older son of Aretha and Bailey Robinson, Ray Charles Robinson was born in Albany, Georgia.

Ray Charles did not begin to turn blind until the age of six from a variety of glaucoma.

Charles attended St. Augustine's School for the Deaf and Blind in Orlando, Florida, where he learned to read and write braille, to type, to play piano, and to make mops and brooms.

At the age of fifteen Charles left St. Augustine's joined a dance band in Jacksonville, Florida. Later he cut "Confession Blues" but was fined six hundred dollars because the union had banned recording.

In 1954 Charles began recording with Atlantic records. His first record on the new label was "I Got A Woman," and "Woman."

In 1959 he changed from Atlantic to ABC Records. He recorded "Georgia On My Mind," and two years later he won two consecutive awards as top male vocalist in Down Beat's International Jazz Critics Poll. He also received a grammy award from The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences the same year.

In 1962 he recorded the LP "Modern Sounds in Country and Western" which earned him a gold record for the single "I Can't Stop Lovin' You." It has sold over 3,000,000 copies to date.

In 1973, Larry Newton formed an independent label, Crossover Records Co., and Ray Charles made a new deal with Crossover.

His personal enthusiasms include the building and repair of highly complicated mechanical equipment such as television sets, tape recorders and high fidelity sets. He can also make repairs on airplanes.

Ray Charles, his wife Della, and their three sons-Ray Jr., David, and Robert-live in Los Angeles.

Ray Charles could be said to be a legend in his own time. Tickets are \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for general admission.

Come out and enjoy the show, you may not get another opportunity like this one.

Piggott Explains Female Fees

By Flora Weaver

Mrs. Lucille Piggott, dean of women, was questioned on the subject concerning the reason that \$3.00 fees are paid by women students in the residence halls. Dean Piggott explained that \$2.00 were for women council fee, and \$1.00 is for the residence hall. The residence halls use the money for Christmas parties, picnics and other activities during the year. The halls are not funded for these types of activities by the university.

Dean Piggott also said that this fee is optional to the ladies. This money can be accounted for by the treasurer of the residence hall at meetings or by the university council, which is open to anyone who wants to know what happened to the money collected by the dormitories.

Many of the male students on campus are asking why the girls have seven dorms, and they have only two; and why the girls that were assigned to Curtis are moving out. Dean Piggott said that Curtis was a dorm for women about eight years ago. As time progressed, there were more women than men, so the women were transferred to Cooper Hall and the men to Curtis Hall.

She said, "We have requested furniture for the lounge and some of the students' rooms to bring Curtis Hall up to par. These orders are now in the office of fiscal affairs; and, as soon as he finds the funds, they will be ordered."

The dean said, "There is nothing unusual about the pattern of the young ladies moving out of Curtis Hall. There is a sufficient amount of time for requests of movement. The women are not only moving out of Curtis but out of all seven dorms. Some of the women want to be closer to their classes or maybe with their friends."

Dean Piggott continued, "We don't evaluate a student's reason for moving. All halls were notified to stop making transfers so a roster can be established for the dorms. By now all the

students should know where they want to go. Throughout the year requests for change can be accommodated."

English Department Adds Masters Program

By Anthony Boyd

The English Department under the direction of Dr. Jimmy Williams, has begun a new Masters degree program in English and Afro-American Literature. The program is intended to supply the demand for teachers qualified to teach Afro-American Literature.

The program was conceived in the spring of 1972 by Dr. Williams. It went through various stages of development before being approved by the central administration and board of governors at Chapel Hill. Dr. Williams said that although he conceived the program, the faculty was extremely helpful in its organization. The English Department feels that this program is unique in that it is the only one of its type in the nation.

The basic objectives of this program are to create a greater awareness and understanding of the contribution of Blacks to American literary tradition; foster scholarship and research in Afro-American Literature and serve as a resource center to curriculum development on the public school, junior, community and four-year college level. The program will also prepare teachers of literature to offer Afro-American Literature in all school levels and provide teachers with an apparatus for elevating Afro-American Literature.

Dr. Williams stressed the fact that this program is not a Black studies course. He said that he has a qualified staff of fourteen professors holding doctorates of which five have a concentration in Afro-American studies.

One endorser of the program, Dr. Richard Barksdale of the University of Illinois, wrote, "It

is my belief that few institutions are as well equipped as A&T University to launch such a program."

At the present, not many students have enrolled in the

program. Dr. Williams said that, as more funds become available,

more recruiting takes place and

more people become aware of the program with its highly

qualified staff, enrollment will increase.

Morris Assists In Finding Jobs

By Sheila Williams

Washington I. Morris, director of the career planning and placement center located in Murphy Hall, assists students in finding off-campus part time work and graduates with permanent employment as far into their major as possible.

In the fall, an interview clinic is conducted to further assist students. Appointments are set up with professional recruiters and faculty members, in teaching the students how to have interviews and what they are all about. A career activity program is also planned where 150 representatives of business industries and government institutions come to the campus and set up their various booths.

One is scheduled this year for September 27 and 28 in Moore Gymnasium. All A&T students, faculty, and nearby high school seniors and their counselors are invited to attend.

Students can come by the placement center the 20th of each month to pick up schedules, or set up appointments for the representatives who are coming for particular job opportunities.

Scholarship Available Through New Program

The Transportation Institute has student scholarships of \$2,200 available for students interested in the transportation program.

In order to apply one must be a sophomore, junior, or senior. There is no special major requirement except that the participant take one transportation course a year. Courses such as transportation management and economics of transportation are being taught

this fall for any interested student.

The student's grades must be in good university standing and the student is required to work ten hours per week on research in the transportation program.

Any upperclassman who is interested and meets the qualifying requirements should apply in Room 302 of Merrick Hall. Research assistantship applicants should apply no later than September 9.

"The essence of education is overcoming a difficulty."
Alain

"Goodbye, God..."

When most upperclassmen first enrolled at A&T, as present freshmen have probably already done, they made a mental list of do's and don'ts. Included on the don'ts list was church attendance.

It seems that when most of us left home we instantly became independent. We said, "No one tells me what to do; I do what I want."

As freshmen, you do a lot of things you would not normally do to be accepted by the peers. If your associates do not attend church services, then you do not.

Three years ago in Harrison Auditorium, a female minister preached her final sermon. The sermon entitled "Goodbye God, I'm Going to College" had an obvious effect on all of the students present.

For those few hours, there was a closeness between the students that was unbelievable. They walked away solemn. That was the closest this reporter has ever seen a group of students. It was as if the students were joined by a common understanding.

The reason behind the solemn atmosphere that filled the auditorium was not clear until this year. Most of us do leave home with this independent attitude. We feel that we are our own gods in a sense. By the time we reach our senior year, most of us learn how disillusioned we really were.



It Doesn't Take Forever!!!

By Catherine Speller

Leading editorials are written by the editor of THE A&T REGISTER. These editorials will not necessarily carry a byline and will not necessarily reflect the opinion of the University or the entire staff. Staff members are free to write dissenting opinions.

THE REGISTER encourages letters to the Editor but reserves the right to edit them. No letter will be considered for printing unless it is signed. Names will be withheld upon request.

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The Foreign Students Affairs and Veteran Affairs administrators have been moved into new offices but their staffs are not satisfied with their office conditions.

Their offices are now located in the Barnes Building on old East Market Street directly across from Cherry Hall. Their old offices in East Hall are being taken over by the new coaches.

It had been announced earlier in the year that the football players were going to be moved from section C of Scott to Kent Court and East Hall.

When the administration made those announcements public they should have

made plans of finding new offices or locations for the offices that were housed in East Hall.

It seems to this reporter after seeing the present conditions of the Barnes building that it hasn't been renovated or even cleaned up since before the N.C. Mutual Insurance Company vacated its offices. It looks to me like the administrators was more concerned with recarpeting and painting East Hall than providing clean adequate office spaces for Foreign and Veteran Affairs administrators. As we all know, it takes time to do anything but it doesn't take forever!!!

Don't Forget Your Lessons

By Margaret L. Brown

Although many of you are returning from a summer of working, living it up or relaxing, this reporter hopes you haven't forgotten the things you learned last semester.

Some students take the attitude that passing a course with a C or D is enough. The university has outlined the various curriculums, so when you finish one course you have to transfer what you have learned to another course the following semester.

It is important that we practice transfer learning. When we graduate from A&T State University, we should be concerned with

being a marketable product. To get your degree isn't enough!! Your prospective employer will expect you to be able to communicate effectively various types of problems and to find the best solution to them.

If you can't perform these tasks, your employer may think the university isn't training its graduates.

If you are a true bred Aggie, you should put the university's reputation first. So it's up to you to put forth an effort to transfer learning and do well in your classes because it will pay off later.

Those who know not but know that they know not are

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Stickers Do Not Protect Cars

By Judy Freeman

Students are very disenchanted with the degree of protection that they actually receive from the parking stickers. When purchasing the sticker, the natural assumption follows that one will be able to park his car in a designated parking space.

However, students have found that it is more than possible to be confronted with parking violations or towing fees because they are not parked in a space designated by their stickers, due to the problem of over crowding. Dissatisfied students have raised

the question "why are more parking stickers sold than the number of available spaces to park?" Norwood McMillan, director of security, said that he can not refuse to sell anyone a sticker because that would be an unjust form of discrimination.

He also pointed out the fact that the ownership of a sticker does not give anyone the right to a guaranteed space, only the right to park on campus.

If student parking sticker fees were as expensive as Carolina-\$72, Wake Forest-\$35, State-\$50 or UNC-G-\$25, then the university would have

adequate resources to construct new parking areas.

The present \$10 fee that students pay is used for the up-keep of present parking areas, signs, maps and the salary of the traffic clerk.

After deducting for these necessities, only a minimum amount of the money collected remains accessible. McMillan said, "Students problems are self-imposed. The primary function of the university is education and not parking. If students choose to bring cars, then they must accept the problem which they know exists.



Cheerleading takes a fit body and also a limber one. Photo by Low.

Offices Move To Murphy Hall

By Rudi Noble

North Carolina A&T underwent many changes during the summer. Among the changes was the relocation of the Student Personnel Services Center.

These offices were formerly located in Dudley Building and East Gymnasium. The majority of them have been relocated to Murphy Hall, the former cafeteria.

The offices of the advisor to the foreign students, veterans affairs and director of co-operative education services were relocated to the Barnes

Building, across the street from Carolina Fellows, dean of student life, dean of Student

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SNEA Wants Education Majors

By Delilah Perkins

The Student National Education Association (SNEA) is now accepting membership for 77-78 school year for all students in the field of education. Interested students are asked to see Estell Harper in Room 213, Hodgkin Hall.

Harper, director of SNEA, encourages all new freshmen elementary and secondary education majors to join the educational organization.

Harper explained that the SNEA prepares its members to be qualified teachers by providing additional educational materials and faculty involvement as an opportunity for self-improvement. As SNEA members, students will help formulate ideas, policies and programs actively at the national level. Some of the SNEA objectives for the 77-78 year are to have a presidential candidate at the state level and to have

university involvement in all areas of education to assist and evaluate various educational programs. An additional objective is to formulate programs and activities where students are involved.

This year the SNEA hopes to work with outside educational activities such as grading programs where workshops are concerned. Members will attend state and local meetings as a chapter that will assist other chapters within the cluster four.

McGriff Informs President Of Everyday Activities

Council, member of Opera Workshop and the Male Singers.

As SGA presidential advisor, it is his job to keep the president informed of everyday duties and to attend meetings along with the vice-president and the president or to be present at various meetings whenever they are unable to attend. He also helps in running the office when they are not in.

"It is my duty to make sure Tony knows what's going on and to travel with him, also to advise him in important matters, and to be his personal advisor. I really would rather work in the shadows or behind the scenes. The SGA is more organized this year and everybody gets along; it's really more fun than work," concluded McGriff.

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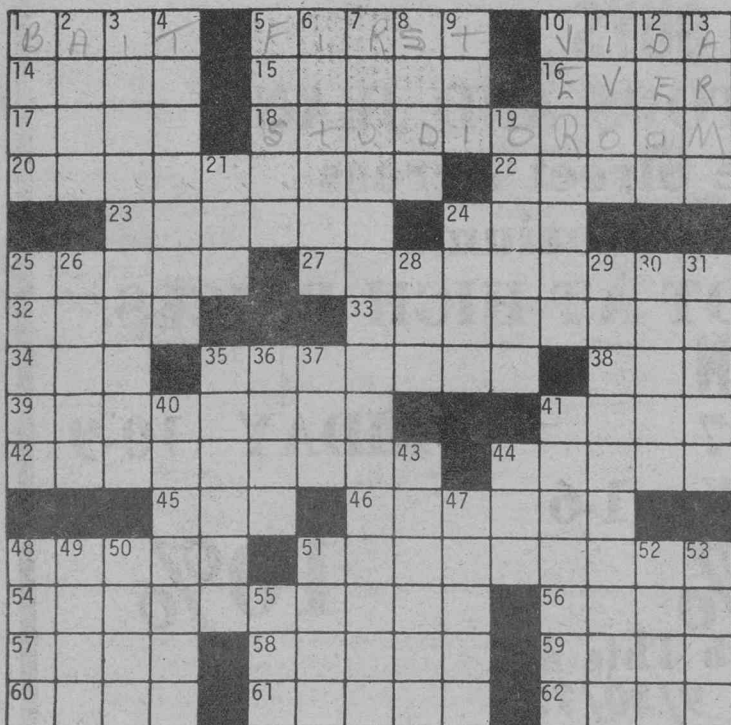


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Campus Haps

The Student Union Advisory Board will be accepting members starting Tuesday, September 6. Applications can be picked up at the Memorial Union Information desk.

Singer Ray Charles will perform in A&T's Moore Gymnasium September 9 at 8 p.m. Student admission will be \$3.00. General admission will be \$5.00.

The A&T and Winston-Salem State SGAs will sponsor an Aggie-Ram Classic Saturday, September 3, following the football game at the Triad Arena. Undisputed Truth, Brain Storm, Brass Construction, Funkhouse and Electric Fudge will be featured. Admission is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Union information desk.

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will sponsor a get-off jam Friday night from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Admission is \$1.00. Come on out and jam at the Cosmos I.

Any students interested in becoming a part of the Attorney General's Council interviews will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 216 of the Student Union.

There will be an Animal Science Club meeting September 6, at 6 p.m. in Carver Hall Room 168.

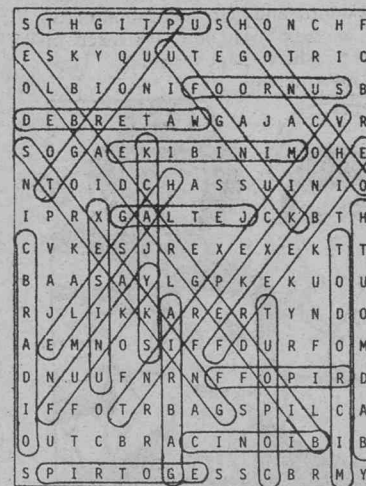
The Veterinary Aptitude Test will be given October 1 in Bluford Library Auditorium. For further information contact the counseling center in Room 103 Murphy Hall.

Future Alumni Activities Committee will hold its first meeting September 6, at 8 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 213. All students interested in joining are urged to attend.

Brothers in Christ Fraternity (BIC) will meet Tuesday, September 6, at the Campus House. All members are urged to attend.

The Griot Society of P.O.E.T. (History Club) will hold its first meeting Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in Hodgkin Hall Room 313.

Midweek Devotions will be every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. in the Student Religious Activities Center in the basement of Harrison Auditorium.



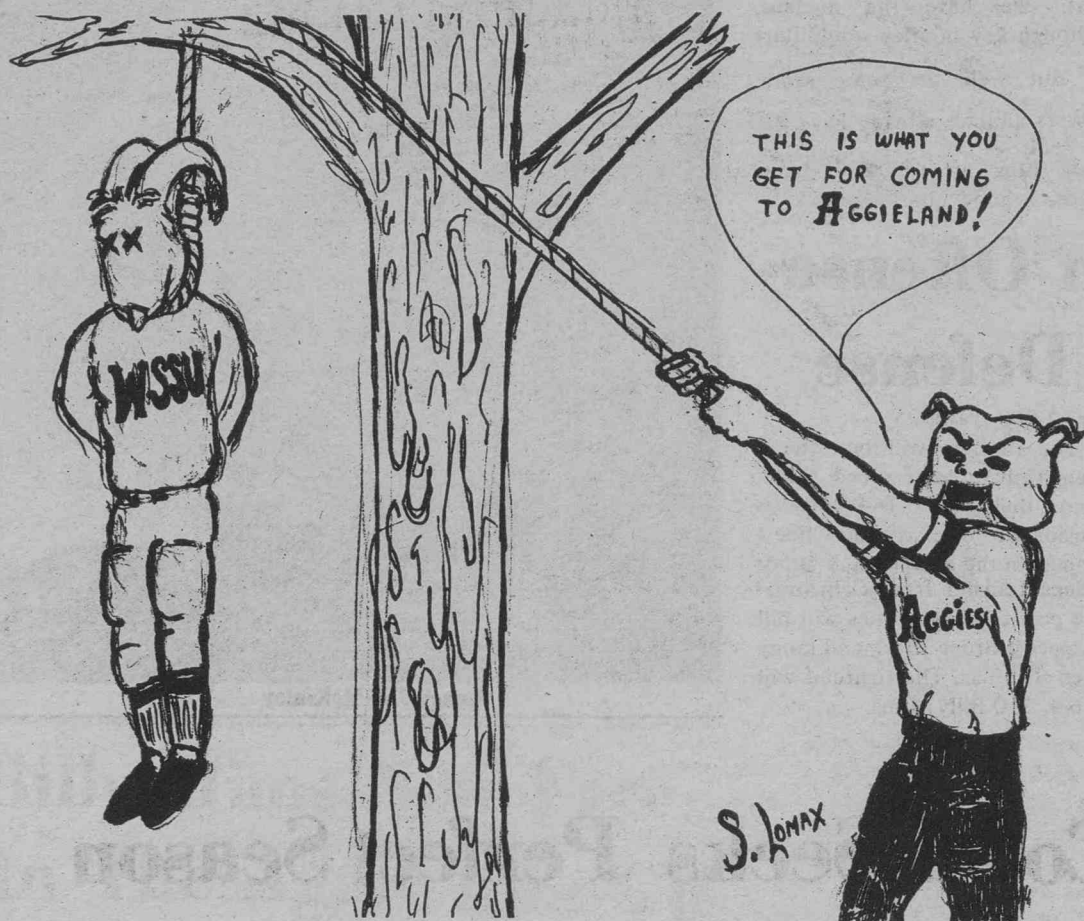
Answers To Last Puzzles



Aggie Football

Young . . .

But Talented



McKinley Will Play Freshmen

By Craig R. Turner

Most football coaches would shy away from playing freshmen early in the season let alone start them. But, that is not the case with A&T's new head coach Jim McKinley. The list of newcomers include several all-state selections and a few All-Americans from

the prep ranks.

Immediate help was needed on the offensive line and in the positions of receiver. The line recruits include much heralded and recruited tackles Andre Hyatt and Mike Quarles from Detroit. Hyatt (6-1,245) and Quarles (6-2,240) both were all-city while starring on the same club. Carl Gerringer (6-2,220) will be a reserve center.

Experts who expected these two to perhaps stay home in the Midwest were also surprised when 6-3, 255 guard Lucious Ramsey turned down powerful Miami of Ohio to come to A&T. The Middletown, Oh. product should play a great deal and so should 6-3, 230 tackle Pat Lewis of Chicago.

The linebackers were depleted by graduation so McKinley moved quickly to shore up the vacancies. A top prospect is 6-3, 220 George Riddick of Gates, an all-state selection. A probable starter will be another Detroit product in 6-5, 230 pound Mike Calloway. There are also Dayton product John Williams 6-4, 220 and Gerry Green 6-2, 215 from Weaver, Ala.

The biggest slot to fill in the receiving crop was at tightend. Here McKinley will alternate

Dwight Lynn (6-6,210) and All-American Billy Mims (6-4, 210). Mims averaged nearly 24 yards per catch and scored over 20 touchdowns during his final season in Jacksonville, Fla. His

4.5 speed and great range will make him a deep threat as well.

The wide receivers were in need of breakaway speed during the spring practice. Lon Harris (5-7,158) was an all-state running back but his 9.5 speed makes him a great pass catching prospect. Harris is from Dayton. Another fine prospect is 6-0, 175 pound Frank Carr from Charlotte.

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Archie Bass

"PeeWee" Board Adapts To Linebacker Position

By Archie Bass

Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board was one of the most fierce pass rushers in the MEAC last season, yet for some strange reason was left off the All-Conference team. Board's merits and talents were recognized by a national poll of coaches and he was named to the first team Mutual Black Network All-America team.

"I know I have to provide leadership this year and there's no pressure," said the soft talking Board. "I had pressure as a freshman," he added.

Because of his versatility and ability to adapt to change, Coach McKinley has shifted Board to linebacker.

"I'd rather be a defensive lineman but I'll play anywhere they (coaches) put me," said the serene Board.

"The hardest thing to learn about the linebacker position is pass coverage and the different assignment changes," he stated.

Board suffered a hand injury playing in an intramural basketball game and did not

participate in spring drills. Nevertheless, any spectator on a given day would not notice the injured hand because of the hard working effort Board presents.

The hand is now completely healed and he is ready to prove that he is truly an All-American football player.

Looking through the eyes of Aggie fans and followers, there is no questions in regard to "Pee Wee" Board being a true All-American.



Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board



Ellsworth Turner

...Golden Arm



This year marks the beginning of North Carolina A& T football under the direction of Jim McKinley, one of the most respected young coaches in the country. Annually, the Aggies are rated among the nation's top small college powers, but McKinley will add a dimension to the University's already proven program by taking on NCAA Division I schools and intersectional games with other top rated teams. Always among the best, A&T will continue to be exciting, entertaining and excellent. Enjoy the season.

Coach Does Not Mince Words

Jim McKinley doesn't mince his words.

"In three years, when people think of football played by predominantly Black schools, they're going to think of A&T in the same class as Grambling, Alcorn State, Tennessee State and teams like that."

By that time, McKinley also expects to have his program to the point where the Aggies would be capable of playing schools like Carolina and State.

"I think we could give them a pretty good game this year, although we couldn't play our whole schedule like that," he went on. "But in three years, we could play with them all day long and our whole schedule could be that way."

Of course, A&T isn't going to play Carolina or State in three years or maybe even 10 years. But it gives you an idea of where McKinley wants to go with the Aggies. If things progress on schedule, he will be seeking games with those schools-and if he gets turned down, you can expect him to protest strongly and publicly.

What style of football can A&T fans expect under McKinley?

"We'll be an offensive team," he replied quickly. "We want our defense to be good, too, but we'll consider ourselves an offensive team. I think you need to score three touchdowns in order to have a good chance to win a game."

"Over the years, I've won a lot of games by 40-30. Now, that may be giving up a lot of points, but it still goes in the win column. I'd be elated to win a game 6-0, but I don't think the offense would be too happy about it next week in practice."

McKinley will use the veer offense, which A&T tried a couple of years ago under Hornsby Howell and then scrapped. The new coach says he's a "veer man through-and-through" and he doesn't anticipate any problems installing it.

A key, of course, will be quarterback Ellsworth Turner,

whom McKinley describes as "an outstanding player and a tremendous passer. We'd be fools not to take advantage of his ability. He's a dropback passer and that's what we'll go with instead of sprintouts. Ellsworth appears to have good feet and good enough speed, so I'm not worried about his running."

Some of the other players who have impressed McKinley in the early going are tackle Wheeler Brown, linebacker Dwaine Board, end Lucien Nibbs and secondary performers

Tom Warren and Gerald Johnson.

"Would I be disappointed if we went 10-1?" he mused. "Yes, I believe so. Of course, I'm not a fool. I'll take a record like that. But you go out to win them all and I really believe we can do that. We have the nucleus, although key injuries would hurt

us. But we'll get some more players and we already have the first thing an offensive team needs, a good quarterback."

Aggies Led In Offense May Lead In Defense

A&T has led the MEAC in total offense for the last two years and that isn't expected to change under new head coach Jim McKinley but something else is. The Aggies have ranked poorly in defense during the last three years and McKinley feels that trend should end.

The Aggies have enough All-American candidates defensively to have the pro scouts drooling and the 1977 squad is young and strong. They are led by Mutual Black Network All-America Dwaine Board (6-5,230) at linebacker. Another bruising linebacker is George Small (6-5,240) who moved from his offensive guard post. The secondary will feature Gerald Johnson,

The defensive front four are led by All-MEAC end Lucien Nibbs (6-7,275) and All-MEAC Coy Holland (6-5,250) at tackle. The newcomers are Greg Smith (6-4,249) at tackle and end Nolan Jones (6-4,240). The linebackers will be completed with Glen Inman (6-0,210) and Mike Calloway (6-4,230). The deep back will be Thomas Warren.

Offensively, A&T will be as strong as ever if not stronger. Most of the attention will be centered on quarterback Ellsworth Turner (6-1,180). The flamboyant Turner was the league's most valuable player (MVP) last season as he threw for

over 2,000 yards.

The runners will be veteran Glen Holland and speed threat Dino Bell. Bell (6-0,180) is considered one of the finest runners in the Southeast, a junior college transfer from California. The pass catching duties will fall to speedy Bruce Black and rangy Allen Thomas. The tightend will be 6-4, 210 Billy Mims.



Coach Jim McKinley

Coach Seeks Perfect Season

Coach Jim McKinley will seek a goal that few college football coaches realize. That is a perfect season. When now assistant athletic director Hornsby Howell resigned his football post last March, McKinley made the trek from Central State University to assume the head coaching duties.

It was then that McKinley made his now famous statement that A&T could very well produce a perfect 11-0 season. This coming September 3, he will get his first opportunity to test that statement against Winston-Salem State here in Greensboro.

The Aggies head into the 1977 season with a great deal of enthusiasm and two of the top performers in the league are Ellsworth Turner and defensive end Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board.

The offensive line is the largest it has been in sometime and that in itself is a plus. Experience will run deep on the strong side with seniors Wheeler Brown (6-2,250) and Clayton Pride (6-3,238). Brown is considered one of the finest tackles in the MEAC and should provide leadership on a young squad.

The weak side is composed of guard Oscar Lowe (6-6,260) and William Harvey (6-4,254). Harvey could be the success story of spring practice as the youngster made the starting lineup as a walk-on.

McKinley will look for the new personnel to make up most of his depth early in the season. Among that number are Mike Quarles (6-2,240), Andre Hiatt (6-1,250), Pat Lewis (6-3,230) and Lucious Ramsey (6-3,260).

The defense fell below par in 1976 and McKinley admits the Aggies need help. "We need some defensive help right away in some areas and this is where most of our youth is," said McKinley. "It will be a young unit and if we stay together early then we should be in good shape by the time we hit the conference."

Besides the All-America Board, the Aggies will rely on All-MEAC end Lucien Nibbs (6-7,275). Originally recruited as a tightend, Nibbs excelled in his second year to become a dominating figure on the A&T wall. He may move to tackle to offset some matchup problems in the interior.

Coy Holland was another All-MEAC player at tightend last season and now is the other

tackle. Holland (6-4,256) was the brightest spot among the many converted offensive players who went to defense.

Nolan Jones (6-3,230) played sparingly last fall but figures to be a major part of the line in the new 4-4 alignment. He will also do most of the kicking and punting for the Aggies this year.

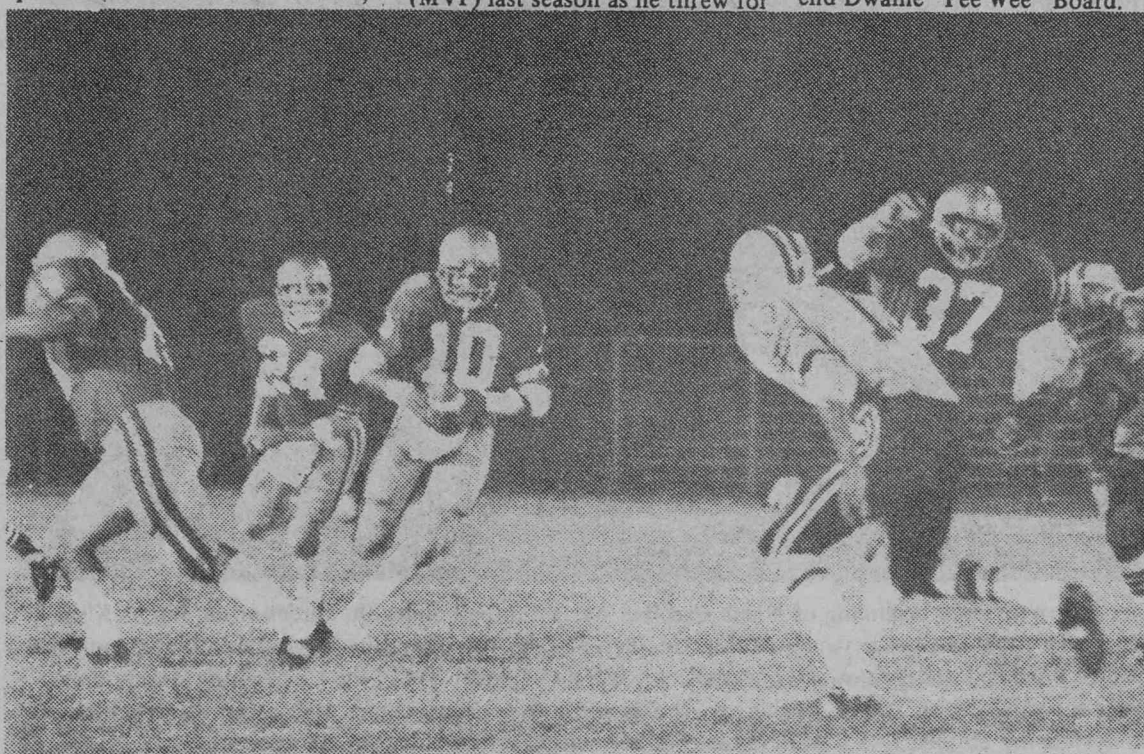
Freshmen Emerson Hill (6-5,245), Rod Caldwell (6-5,250), and Mike Calloway (6-4,230) will push the starters for their share of time.

The linebacking unit was depleted by graduation but this should not hamper the situation. George Small (6-1,240) and Glen Inman (6-0,205) had outstanding spring workouts. Jesse Monterio (6-0,230) was a lineman last spring but could be a middle linebacker if the need arrives.

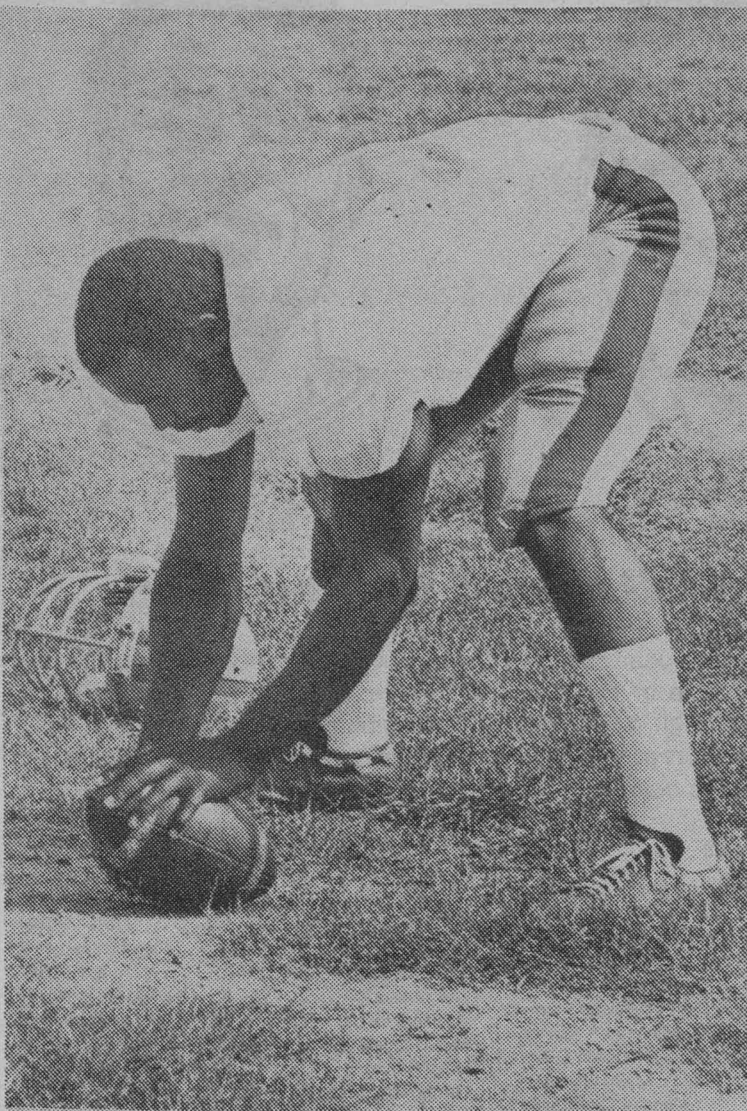
Other names that figure in the picture are Roger Norell (6-2,200), Jeff Jackson (6-3,210), Mike Cardwell (5-10,190), Roland Wooten (6-1,220), Reggie Speller (6-3,205), and prep sensation Willie Murray (6-2,215).

The secondary is plenty deep and experienced and that should mean a great deal of improvement. Earl Ricks (5-11,170) led the team in interceptions and Gerald Johnson rates the fastest of the deep backs. Carl Caviness moves in from the offense and Tony Currie (6-1,190) returns to the lineup.

Thomas Warren (6-0,175) performed well in the spring. Freshman Dennis Coit (6-2,185) will either start or play a big part in the depth roles. Others expecting to see action are Scottie Richardson and Frankie Chesson.



Ellsworth Turner's talent will really be tested by the op-veer offense. Here he runs a veer play against U.M.E.S.



Emmanuel "Smitty" Davis

Billy Mims New Face In The Aggie Line-Up

Dennis Bryant

As the season begins, a lot of new faces will be in the crowd. Among the newcomers will be Billy Mims, a 6-4 tight end from Jacksonville, Florida.

Mims, the eldest of eight children, lives with his mother and family. He wanted to either play college ball or enter the Army.

Mims played his prep ball at Paxon Senior High in Jacksonville where he starred in both football and basketball. He won honors for All-State, and All-Conference in both sports. Mims was voted Mr. Senior for his outstanding achievements. During his senior year his team won seven of ten games.

Mims received an athletic scholarship which provided him the necessary funds to attend A&T.

A business administration major, Mims realizes that he



Billy Mims

must use his time wisely in regard to both football and his studies. He feels if a player wants to succeed he has to put more emphasis on his school work.

Mims' main goal is to contribute to the team. He said, "The team is young and we can take the conference title. I don't feel a lot of pressure at a starting position. I started at split end in high school but I have made to necessary adjustments."

Nibbs Chose Football As Opposed To Surfing

By Archie Bass

Fortunately for the A&T football program, Lucien Nibbs decided to take up playing football instead of surfing like many youngsters in his native Virgin Islands.

Coming off a sensational sophomore season, the talented 6-6, 265 pounder enters this season with destined hopes of a great season.

"I find myself in the role of a leader and portraying leadership on and off the field."

The defensive linemen are big, tough, and rough. This is no exception for the beefy Nibbs.

"I'm bigger and stronger this year mainly due to the hard

'Smitty' Davis To Play Center

By Archie Bass

Without the football in the quarterback's hand, the process of an offensive play breaks down. Well, whose primary responsibility is this?

For the 1977 Aggies, Emmanuel "Smitty" Davis will be faced with the task of centering to Aggie field-general, Ellsworth Turner.

Davis is a natural deep slow talker, with the biceps of a professional wrestler that are perfectly fitting for the center position. He will enter his first season at the center position after playing two previous years at the guard position. "I've never louched the ball as a center before in my life, until this year," said Davis.

Not considered large enough for a center, (6-1,215) Davis uses smart ball sense and his agility to attack larger opponents.

"Running a basic pro set with down linemen, my blocking responsibility is to hit the middle linebacker," said Davis.

Davis will probably break into the starting lineup this fall after observing for the last two years.

"Concentration is the hardest thing about centering, because before any play can develop, the quarterback must have the ball," noted Davis.

The Aggies have always been impressive and talented at the center position. With the departure of Joe Bloomfield, second-team All-MEAC a year ago, Davis feels a lost. He explained that Bloomfield helped him to learn how to play at the center position.

"Bloomfield showed me a lot during the summer with long snaps and the center-quarterback exchange," said the Roanoke Rapids native.

In the sports world, every athlete has goals to work toward

that are set prior to the season. This is true with Emmanuel "Smitty" Davis, also.

"Before the season started, my goals were to execute all my blocks, to give my teammates 100 percent effort and to win the MEAC championship," said Davis.

Davis concluded, "I'm looking forward to our season opener against Winston-Salem because I'm ready to put my practice into perfection."

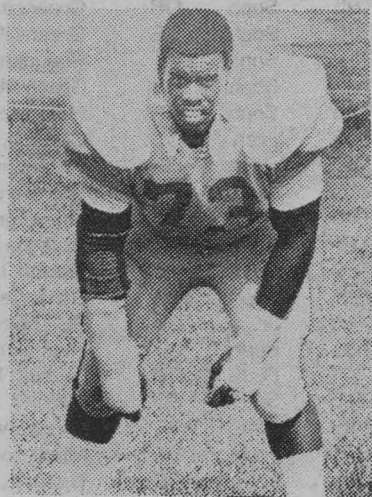
So, another center has entered the Aggie internal wall, Davis like the rest portrays a good attitude and is dedicated to the sport.

Brown Has Been Starter For Past Three Seasons

The position of an offensive tackle is a demanding, undershadowed slot but fortunately for the Aggies Wheeler Brown fits perfectly in that position.

Brown has been a starter since his freshman season and has been one of the most steady performers on the team for the past three seasons.

Quarterback Ellsworth Turner credits Brown with providing the protection necessary for finding his receivers and opening the huge holes for Aggie runners.



Wheeler Brown

"My position this year is not a pressure one; however, my main duty is being consistent," said Brown, a Baltimore native. "Our line this year is stronger, bigger and more fundamentally sound than in previous years. Hitting comes naturally, but you have to be taught the fundamentals," said the tough tackle.

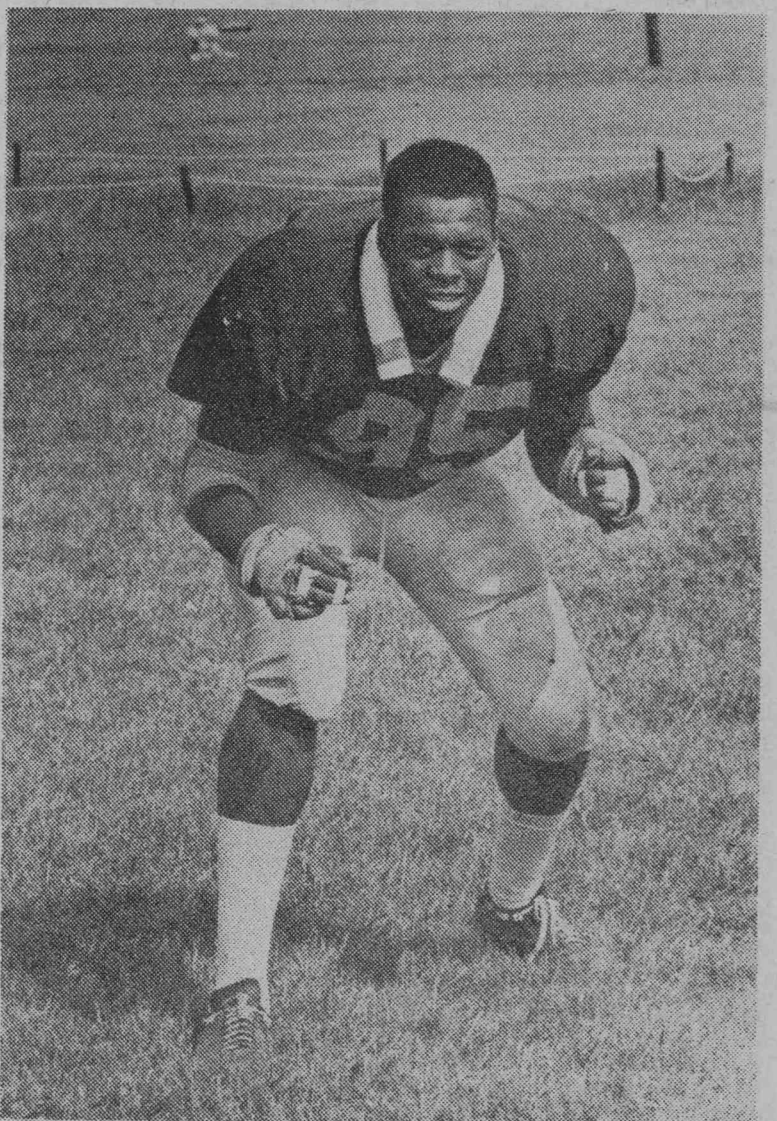
Brown received All-Conference mention last season and is destined for a first team position on this year's squad.

"All the guys have a good attitude and we're working together very well as a team," stated Brown.

Matching up Winston-Salem State's defensive linemen with the Aggies, the Rams defensive line unit is a veteran group compared to the Aggies' line.

"Even though they are a defensive unit, we're confident that we can beat them," concluded Brown.

When it comes to executing blocking assignments to near perfection and team leadership, look for jersey number "73" which is worn by the senior Wheeler Brown.



Lucien Nibbs

This special sports supplement could not have been produced without the diligent work of Larry Jenkins, Terrence Marable, William Love, Craig Turner, Dennis Bryant, William Lawson and Archie Bass. Special thanks to Mr. Joe Faust.

A&T Football Roster — 1977

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Pos.	Hometown
Agnew, Ted	6-3	200	Soph.	WR	Fayetteville, N.C.
Allinece, Gary	6-1	185	Jr.	QB	Houston, Tx.
Alston, Johnny Jr.	5-11	171	Frsh.	RB	Siler City, N.C.
Black, Bruce	5-10	165	Jr.	WR	Buena Vista, Va.
Board, Dwaine	6-5	235	Jr.	LB	Union Hall, Va.
Briggs, Kevin	6-3	240	Frsh.	DT	Gates
Brown, Wheeler	6-2	255	Sr.	OT	Baltimore, Md.
Byers, Aldrick	6-2	230	Soph.	OT	Mooreville, N.C.
Calloway, Mike	6-4	235	Frsh.	LB	Detroit, Mich.
Cardwell, Mike	5-10	190	Soph.	LB	Greensboro, N.C.
Carr, Frank	6-0	180	Frsh.	WR	Charlotte, N.C.
Cherry, Ron	6-0	195	Frsh.	RB	Plymouth
Chessons, Frankie	6-1	185	Frsh.	DB	Chesapeake, Va.
Coit, Dennis	6-2	195	Frsh.	DB	Rocky Mount, N.C.
Currie, Tony	6-1	190	Soph.	DB	Greensboro, N.C.
Davis, Emmanuel	6-3	230	Jr.	C	Weldon
Douglas, Eric	6-0	225	Soph.	OG	Chester, Pa.
Duncan, Anthony	6-4	229	Frsh.	TE	Detroit, Mich.
Edison, Thomas	6-0	203	Soph.	LB	Spring Lake
Fisher, Marcus	6-1	175	Soph.	DB	Los Angeles, Calif.
Frazier, Thomas	5-10	175	Soph.	WR	Siler City, N.C.
Gamble, Larry	6-1	205	Frsh.	TE	Richmond, Va.
Gerringer, Carl	6-2	225	Frsh.	C	Gibsonville, N.C.
Green, Berry	6-3	220	Frsh.	LB	Jacksonville, Ala.
Harris, Lon	5-7	165	Frsh.	WR	Dayton, Ohio
Hart, Archie	5-10	170	Soph.	QB	Monroe, N.C.
Harvey, William	6-4	255	Soph.	OG	New Bern
Hawkins, Calvin	6-0	199	Jr.	RB	Grimesland
Hill, Emerson	6-5	250	Frsh.	OG	Suffolk, Va.
Holland, Coy	6-5	255	Soph.	DT	Roanoke, Va.
Holland, Glenn	6-0	185	Sr.	RB	Roanoke, Va.
Hyatt, Andre	6-1	250	Frsh.	OG	Detroit, Mich.
Inman, Glenn	6-0	215	Soph.	LB	Fayetteville, N.C.
Jackson, Jeff	6-3	230	Sr.	C	Atlanta, Ga.
Johnson, Gerald	6-0	185	Soph.	DB	Greensboro, N.C.
Jones, Nolan	6-5	250	Soph.	DE	Greenville, S.C.
Jones, Terrence	6-3	212	Soph.	LB	Roanoke, Va.
Joyner, William	5-10	190	Soph.	RB	Greenville, N.C.
Kelly, William	5-11	175	Soph.	WR	Florence, S.C.
Lewis, Pat	6-3	235	Frsh.	OT	Chicago, Ill.
Lowe, Oscar	6-6	260	Soph.	OG	Greensboro, N.C.
Lynn, Dwight	6-5	215	Frsh.	TE	Pittsboro
McCall, Don	6-0	188	Soph.	DB	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mims, Billy	6-4	215	Frsh.	TE	Jacksonville, Fla.
Montiero, Jesse	6-1	250	Soph.	DT	Wilson, N.C.
Nelly, Larry	5-11	195	Soph.	LB	Gastonia, N.C.
Nibbs, Lucien	6-7	275	Jr.	DE	St. Thomas, V.I.
Norrell, Roger	6-2	205	Soph.	LB	Roanoke, Va.
Olden, Andre	6-0	185	Frsh.	QB	Detroit, Mich.
Pridgen, Darrel	5-10	201	Sr.	LB	Newark, N.J.
Quarles, Mike	6-2	245	Frsh.	OT	Chesapeake, Va.
Ramsey, Lucious	6-3	262	Frsh.	OT	Middletown, Ohio
Richardson, Scott	6-1	185	Frsh.	DB	Thomasville, N.C.
Ricks, Earl	5-11	175	Soph.	DB	Greensboro, N.C.
Riddicks, George	6-3	227	Frsh.	OT	Gates, N.C.
Scott, Ron	6-2	215	Sr.	RB	Garden City, Kansas
Small, George	6-3	250	Jr.	LB	Raeford, N.C.
Smith, Greg	6-4	252	Sr.	DT	Atlanta, Ga.
Spicely, Don	6-2	232	Frsh.	DT	Petersburg, Va.
Steadman, Joe	6-2	235	Soph.	DE	Charlotte, N.C.
Taylor, Warren	6-3	250	Frsh.	DT	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Thomas, Allen	6-3	200	Soph.	WR	Raeford, N.C.
Turner, Ellsworth	6-1	191	Sr.	QB	Gaithersburg, Md.
Underwood, Mike	6-0	235	Soph.	DE	Wilson, N.C.
Ward, Lamont	5-7	149	Frsh.	K-WR	Tarboro, N.C.
Warren, Thomas	6-0	185	Soph.	DB	Greensboro, N.C.
Washington, Willie	6-2	238	Soph.	OT	Wilson
Watson, William	6-2	190	Frsh.	QB	Detroit, Mich.
Westbrook, Eric	6-1	180	Frsh.	DB	Charlotte, N.C.
Williams, John	6-4	220	Frsh.	LB	Dayton, Ohio
Wooten, Roland	6-1	225	Soph.	LB	Greensboro, N.C.

Individual Totals

Rushing	TC	NET	A/C	A/G
James Breakfield (How)	192	1017	5.3	92.5
Charles Burgess (SCS)	139	729	5.2	81.0
Ricky Anderson (SCS)	91	675	7.4	67.5
Nathan Mumford (Mor)	122	511	4.2	56.8
Allen Pose (Mor)	143	464	3.2	51.6
James Lawrence (NCC)	141	549	3.9	49.9
Ralph Kemmerlin (DS)	104	411	4.0	45.6
Lucious Goodwine (DS)	123	483	3.9	43.9
Glenn Holland (A&T)	132	421	3.2	42.1
Jesse Prather (SCS)	119	400	3.4	40.0
Ralph Esquilin (MES)	146	435	3.0	39.5

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	TD	Yds.	I.	A/G
Ellsworth Turner (A&T)	273	153	.560	12	2046	10	186.0
Allen Rose (Mor)	163	74	.454	8	1030	11	114.4
Wilson Milbourne (MES)	162	59	.364	7	947	5	105.2
Michael Banks (How)	133	63	.474	7	880	11	97.8
Charles Armwood (NCC)	156	75	.481	7	889	13	88.9
Brian Thomas (How)	83	43	.518	6	545	3	60.6
Andre Brown (DS)	93	24	.258	2	440	9	55.0
Donnell Coleman (Mor)	62	29	.468	6	410	8	45.6
Jesse Prather (SCS)	62	27	.435	4	392	4	39.2

George Ragsdale
Tampa BayDexter Feaster
Baltimore

Aggie Stars Drafted By The Pros

The 1976-77 athletic year at North Carolina A&T State University was one of the most memorable in the school's illustrious history. Some individual athletes excelled enough to impress professional teams and received a chance to enter the lucrative world of professional athletics. The following Aggie student-athletes have been selected through the years:

Football	Basketball
Robert "Stonewall" Jackson New York Giants	Al Attles Head Coach of the World
J.D. Smith San Francisco 49ers	Champion Golden State Warriors
Tom Day Buffalo Bills	Maurice McHarley Dallas (ABA)
Joe Taylor Chicago Bears	Warren Davis Pittsburgh (ABA)
Cornell Gordon New York Giants	James Staggs Miami (ABA)
Mel Phillips San Francisco 49ers	Lonnie Klutz Chicago Bulls (NBA)
Richard Westmoreland Minnesota Vikings	William Harris Seattle (NBA)
Elvin Bethea Houston Oilers	Milt Nunnally Finland (European League)
Willie Pearson Miami Dolphins	Lloyd Glover Finland (European League)
Richard Armstrong Kansas City Chiefs	Lon Smith Seattle (NBA)
Merle Code Memphis Southmen	Allen Spruill Detroit (NBA)
Jim Toon New York Giants	Ron Johnson Seattle (NBA)
Sonny Hicks Detroit Lions	
Carl Collins Charlotte Hornets	
Ron Tuck Philadelphia Bell	
Morris McKie Washington Redskins	
John Hampton Toronto Argonauts	
William Wideman Shreveport Steamers	
Willie Wright Oakland Raiders	
Mel Holmes Pittsburgh Steelers	
Ralph Coleman Dallas Cowboys	
George Ragsdale Tampa Bay Buccaneers	
Dexter Feaster Baltimore Colts	
Terry Bellamy Oakland Raiders	
Jim Merrick Cincinnati Bengals	

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Final 1976 Cumulative Football Stats
Teams Total

Rushing Offense	G	Rush.	Yds.	Avg.
S.C. State	10	522	2489	248.9
N.C. Central	11	568	2082	189.3
Howard	11	493	1793	163.0
Morgan State	10	444	1538	153.8
N.C. A&T	11	514	1528	138.9
Delaware State	11	480	1315	119.5
Maryland - E.S.	11	395	626	56.9

Passing Offense	G	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	A/G	Int.	TD
N.C. A&T	11	289	160	.554	2115	192.3	11	12
Morgan State	10	230	107	.465	1471	147.1	19	15
Howard	11	216	106	.491	1457	132.4	13	13
Maryland - E.S.	11	215	76	.353	1269	115.4	15	8
N.C. Central	11	209	90	.431	1028	93.5	18	7
Delaware State	11	143	40	.280	633	57.5	17	2
S.C. State	10	72	31	.431	431	43.1	5	5

Total Offense	G	Plays	Rush.	Pass.	Total	A/G
N.C. A&T	11	674	1528	2115	3911	331.2
Morgan State	10	674	1538	1471	3009	300.9
Howard	11	708	1793	1457	3250	295.4
S.C. State	10	594	2489	431	2924	292.0
N.C. Central	11	777	2082	1028	3110	282.7
Delaware State	11	623	1315	633	1948	177.1
Maryland - E.S.	11	610	626	1269	1895	172.3

Rushing Defense	G	Rush.	Yds.	Avg.
S.C. State	10	353	575	57.5
N.C. A&T	11	409	1292	117.5
N.C. Central	11	510	1416	128.7
Morgan State	10	448	1467	146.7
Howard	11	528	1967	178.8
Delaware State	11	511	2008	182.5
Maryland - E.S.	11	502	2290	208.2

Passing Defense	G	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	A/G	Int.	TD
S.C. State	10	240	95	.395	889	22	1	8
Howard	10	178	81	.455	1068	97.0	18	4
Delaware State	11	185	82	.443	1112	101.1	10	4
Morgan State	10	177	73	.412	1019	101.9	19	5
N.C. Central	11	210	79	.376	1155	105.0	12	9
Maryland - E.S.	11	197	82	.416	1171	106.5	17	16
N.C. A&T	11	175	79	.451	1298	118.0	9	15

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

By Archie Bass

The time has finally come around to kick off another season of football. In about 25 hours many speculations will no longer be, as the young, exciting, talented Aggie gridironers take the field against rival Winston-Salem State University.

We all know the traditional story of Winston-Salem having a weak football program, and relying on their basketball program to compensate for this weakness.

The question comes to mind, "How important is that first game? Well, when you're young, as we are, the first game under the belt as a victory is vital.

How vital? Psychologically, even though the Rams may appear to be weak, A&T must venture after them as if they were S.C. State.

In this contest, point production runs second to execution. I feel if we don't execute well on offense this in turn will be a mental let down to the offensive unit. By the same token, if we execute sharply, we're going to score a lot of points.

Coach Jim McKinley will be making his debut as head-mentor to the students, alumni and to the city of Greensboro.

"We are ready in all perspectives," said McKinley. If he says they're ready, then believe me, they're ready to roll!

For the benefit of you who are going to see the hard hitting game Saturday night and it reminds you of old days, don't worry because intramural football is coming. A&T certainly can be proud of the job Ernest Gaskins is doing with the intramural activities. "We're coming we're coming," says Gaskins in reference to intramural activities.

Offensive line-coach Darwin Valentine stands out to me as the perfect image of a coach. Before practice he jokes, laughs, and even takes time to provide hilarious moments for the press.

But, I can undoubtedly say that he is a devoted coach that likes to see his offensive line at its best. "It's up front what counts," said Valentine.

Well, coach, applying your statement to your offensive line, I must say, you have a stone, talented wall up-front.

It's prediction time again and looking at the Aggies this year is somewhat easy.

The worst that we can go I feel is 7-4. But, I see a great team; therefore, I predict a 9-2 season.

The game against the Rams, well, I think we should win by three touchdowns.

Enjoy the game and cheer loud for your Aggies!

Craig Turner.....A&T
Dennis Bryant.....A&T
Archie Bass.....A&T

Aggies-Rams Clash Saturday

By Craig Turner

Tomorrow night's clash between A&T and Winston Salem State will mark the opening of another football season. This year's conference race among the predominately Black collegiate conferences should prove to be wide open and highly competitive affairs.

In the MEAC, which claimed the National Black Championship behind the 10-1 record of conference champion South Carolina State, the Bulldogs rate the top spot again in the upcoming campaign.

Coach Willie Jeffries returns his entire offensive unit intact while the State defense, tops in the nation a year ago, must be rebuilt around four returnees.

Both A&T and Morgan State are expected to be the prime challengers to the Bulldogs. Morgan was the co-champions with South Carolina a year ago and A&T faltered late in the race after leading the better part of the season.

Howard has a new quarterback in Brian Thomas and the Bison will field perhaps their best team in the history of the league. The dark horse in the run for the title is North Carolina Central which fell to its worst season last year since its entrance into the league in 1971.

The SIAC is a conference that very few persons in this area are familiar. Florida A&M is one of those recognizable names as is Bethune-Cookman. Those two squad's should be the cream of the conference. Bethune is considered the finest team in the nation according to wire services that cover small college football.

Others in the two division conference include Morris Brown, Clark, Alabama State, Tuskegee, Alabama, A&T and Albany State to name a few.

The last of the conferences and one that is among the finest in the nation is the SWAC. The rosters of the National Football League teams are crowded with the names of the alumni of those colleges in the SWAC. It is no wonder that they are third on the list for having most players in the professional ranks. Among all those schools, one name stands out above all others and perhaps rightfully so. The name is Grambling.

The Tigers have made the

move that most schools only dream about and that is the success story is due to coach move from Division II to Division I. Most or all of that success story is due to coach Eddie Robinson.

Valentines Love Situation Playing In Aggie Program

By Craig R. Turner

It has been said that "brother acts" on a sports field sometimes create problems. But, A&T will field its own duo this season as members of the coaching staff.

Darrin and Kenny Valentine came to A&T for their initial season following a most successful venture with new head coach Jim McKinley last season at Central State.

Darrin, the offensive line coach, has become a notable figure over the first weeks of practice with his aggressive style.

"I believe in giving a total effort all the time. This is what we try to do everyday and that is what I'm asking for," stated Valentine.

Valentine explained that the offensive line gets very little in the way of credit.

"True, Ellsworth Turner is a great quarterback, but none of his passes would be possible without this offensive line."

After a brilliant career as a runningback at Central State, Valentine joined McKinley's staff back in 1974.

"I've coached bigger people before and we're not really big. But, there are very few individuals that can do the things this group has done."

"I look to my seniors to provide the leadership necessary to carry us both on and off the field. Clayton Pride and Wheeler

Brown are two top people, not just football players."

Brown (6-2,250) and Pride (6-3,235) have anchored the offensive line for the last three years and Valentine felt they have been keys in the molding of this year's unit.

'Guys like (Willie) Washington, (Pat) Lewis, (Ant) Beyers, and (William) Harvey are great individuals, but they are inexperienced. The upperclassmen have to provide the leadership."

Kenny Valentine was a graduate assistant at Central State before moving to A&T to become the receiver coach.

"If Turner throws it, we'll catch it," said Valentine. The younger brother stated that his group was probably the deepest unit on the entire squad.

"Bruce Black is our bread and butter man. Allen Thomas is going to be a good one as well. Our second line people like (Tom) Frazier, and (Frank) Carr will probably play about as much as the starters. Billy Mims is only a freshman, but he will be the tightend."

Valentine said that the entire group of receivers is among the best around and that he was confident they would do the job.

Both the brothers explained that there is no problem coaching on the same squad. "We

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The Valentine brothers, Darrin and Kenny. Photo by Love

Blount May Be Dangerous

The Aggie gridironers, of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), will play host to Winston-Salem State University in its season's opener Saturday, September 3 at Memorial Stadium.

It will be the 19th meeting of the two teams with A&T holding a commanding 18-0 lead in the series.

The Winston-Salem State University Rams will be guided

this season by second year head coach, Billy Hayes. In his first year as head coach, Hayes took the traditionally weak Rams and made them into a contender in the CIAA.

Both teams will use the veer offense and A&T's Jim McKinley has promised an explosive offensive evening of football.

The Rams are coming off a 4-7 season overall last year, and an even 4-4 CIAA mark.

The Rams like the Aggies are

young and talented with high hopes of years to come.

Speedy Kermit Blount will direct the offensive unit. Blount (5-9, 170) was one of the finer passers in the CIAA a year ago and returns as a bright possibility for All-CIAA honors.

Blount will be tossing to three promising targets. With Billy Diggs at the split-end position and Larry McFadden at the slot position, this combination ranks highly throughout the CIAA.

Valentine Brothers Say Team Will Be Strong

were together in high school and college. I was a senior and he was a freshman. I guess it's the same way now," said Darrin.

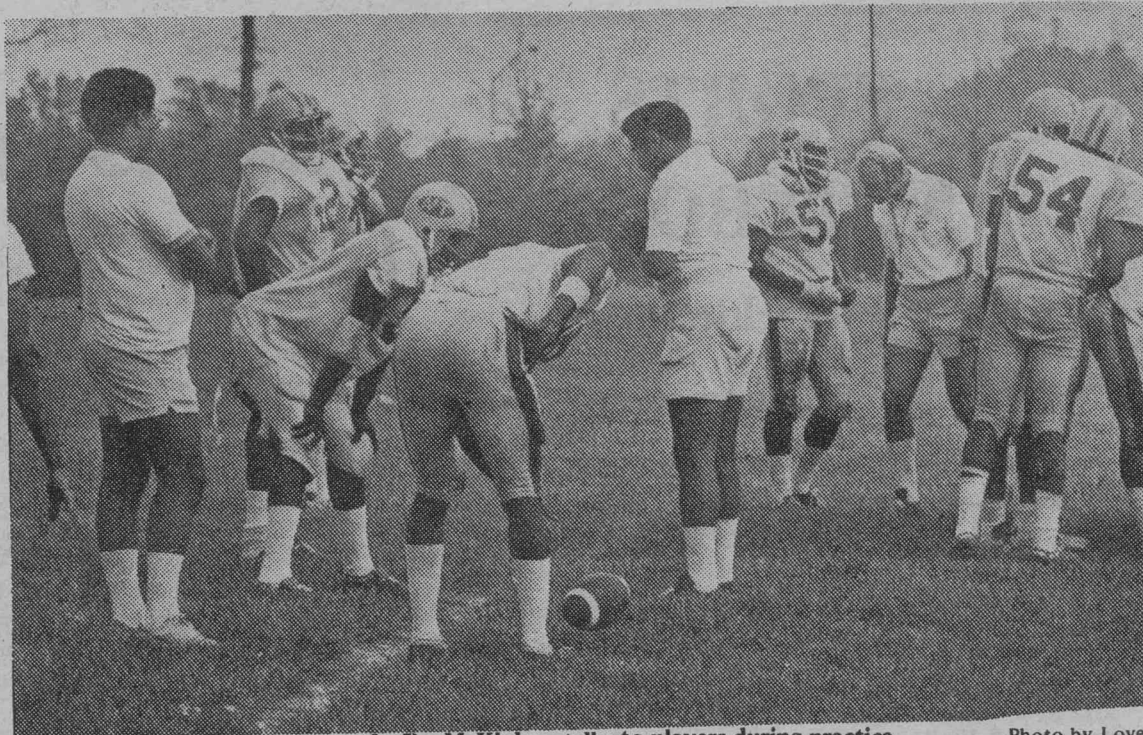
Both agreed that this year's team was very strong although not particularly deep. "Our starting units are the strongest possible, but we don't have a lot of bodies," said Kenny.

"11-0 is what Coach McKinley promised when he took the job and that's what we're shooting for," said Darrin. "Anything else would be a letdown."

The Valentines said that they were delighted to be in North Carolina. "This heat may be too much for me," said Darrin.

"Seriously, the people have been extremely nice down here. I think that is the major difference. Up north the people just weren't behind the school. Here, it's the opposite," he said.

"Everyone here is so close. It makes you want to work twice as hard and to get quality people in here to make this program successful. It's a super situation and I love it," he stated.

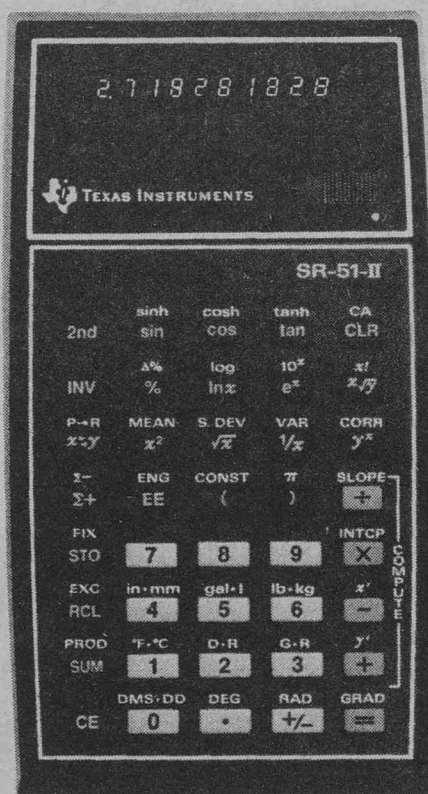


Aggie football coach, Jim McKinley, talks to players during practice.

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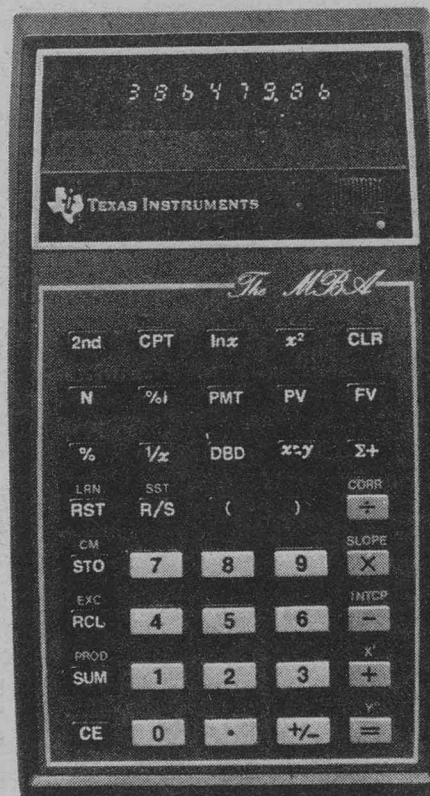
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